LISTING OF CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.   (Currently Amended) A device comprising a processor configured to:

receive a request for access to a menu from a user;

compile the requested menu, said menu including a list of menu options associated with ~~currently~~ active applications and inactive applications;

determine whether ~~an~~ each application associated with a menu option is ~~operating in an~~ currently active; ~~mode as set by the user of the device or inactive and~~

~~associate~~ add a ~~corresponding status indicator~~ flag ~~with the~~ to each menu option associated with a currently active application;

display the list of menu options, ~~where the presentation of a particular menu option includes a non-textual indication of the associated status indicator~~ and a focus region;

~~receiving a notification of a selected~~ select one of said menu options by moving the position of the focus region to the same location as the menu option;

present a non-textual indication of the status of only the selected menu option based on whether the selected menu option is flagged; and

~~providing~~ provide access to an application associated with the selected menu option, whether said application is active or inactive when selected.

2-3.   (Canceled).

4.   (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 1, wherein the presentation of the menu option includes an icon displayed in the list of menu options.

5.   (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 4, wherein the application status is indicated by the animation of the icon.

6.   (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 4, wherein the application status is indicated by the color properties of the icon.

7.   (Currently Amended) A device according to claim ~~3~~ 1, configured to produce an alert
        where a menu option corresponding to the position of the focus region is associated with
        an active status indicator.

8.   (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 7, wherein an alert is produced using
        one or more of the following: animation of an icon, color, sound or vibration.

9.   (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 1, further comprising a user
        interface, wherein the user interface comprises a display and a keypad.

10.   (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 1, further configured to allow
        multitasking of applications.

11.   (Previously Presented) A handheld telecommunications device according to claim 1.

12.   (Previously Presented) A personal digital assistant device according to claim 1.

13.   (Previously Presented) A personal computer device according to claim 1.

14.   (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:
                receiving a request for access to a menu from a user;
                compiling the requested menu, said menu including a list of menu options
        associated with active applications and inactive applications;
                determining whether an application associated with a menu option is ~~operating in~~
        ~~an~~ currently active; ~~mode as set by the user or inactive and~~
                ~~associating~~ adding a ~~corresponding status indicator~~ flag ~~with the~~ to each menu
        option associated with a currently active application;
                displaying the list of menu options~~, where the presentation of a particular menu~~
        ~~option includes a non-textual indication of the associated status indicator~~ and a focus
        region;

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~~receiving a notification of a selected~~ selecting one of said menu options by moving the position of the focus region to the same location as the menu option;

presenting a non-textual indication of the status of only the selected menu option based on whether the selected menu option is flagged; and

providing access to an application associated with the selected menu option, whether said application is active or inactive when selected.

15.   (Previously Presented) A computer readable medium containing computer-readable code, which when executed by a computer, causes said computer to perform the method of claim 14.

16.   (Canceled)

17.   (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

a user interface configured to display a menu in response to a request therefor, wherein said menu includes a list of menu options associated with currently active applications and inactive applications, wherein the ~~presentation~~ selection of a particular menu option by moving a focus area to the same location as the particular menu option includes a non-textual indication for only the selected menu item that indicates whether an application corresponding to that menu option is ~~operating in an~~ currently active ~~mode as set by a user of the apparatus~~ or inactive, the user interface being further configured to ~~receive a selection of one of said~~ provide access to selected menu options and to display data from an application associated with the selected menu option, whether said application is active or inactive when selected.

18.   (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 17, wherein the presentation of the selected menu option includes an icon corresponding to the application and the application status is indicated by one of animation of the icon and color properties of the icon.

19.   (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 17, arranged to ~~provide a focus region and to~~ produce an alert where a menu option corresponding to the position of the focus region is associated with an active status indicator.

20.   (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 19, wherein an alert is produced using one or more of the following: animation of an icon, color, sound or vibration.

21-22. (Canceled).

23.   (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 14, wherein the presentation of the menu option includes an icon displayed in the list of menu options.

24.   (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 23, wherein the application status is indicated by the animation of the icon.

25.   (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 23, wherein the application status is indicated by the color properties of the icon.

26-27. (Canceled).

28.   (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

        means for receiving a request for access to a menu from a user;

        means for compiling the requested menu, said menu including a list of menu options associated with active applications and inactive applications;

        means for determining whether an application associated with a menu option is ~~operating in an~~ currently active; ~~mode as set by the user or inactive and~~

        means for ~~associating~~ adding a ~~corresponding status indicator~~ flag ~~with the~~ to each menu option associated with a currently active application;

        means for displaying the list of menu options~~, where the presentation of a particular menu option includes a non-textual indication of the associated status indicator~~ and a focus region;

means for ~~receiving a notification of a selected~~ <u>selecting</u> one of said menu options <u>by moving the position of the focus region to the same location as the menu option</u>;

<u>means for presenting a non-textual indication of the status of only the selected menu option based on whether the selected menu option is flagged; and</u>

means for providing access to an application associated with the selected menu option, whether said application is active or inactive when selected.

29.   (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the apparatus is at least one of a personal computer, a handheld telecommunications device and a personal digital assistant.